

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 12th January: NO SECOND Collection.

Contactless machine: available at the back of the church for offertory & donations.

Fr Moses Silver Jubilee: I will be going home on 20th January to celebrate my 25th anniversary as a Priest with my family and friends in Lokiliri Village, where I grew and went to school, until I decided to join the Seminary for the priesthood. The purpose of taking my anniversary celebration there is to promote vocations and encourage boys and young men to consider priesthood in their aspiration.

Fr Moses Priestly Anniversary at St Elizabeth's: As a parish, we plan to celebrate the 25 years of priesthood of Fr Moses on 17th May 2025. Please put this date in your diary.

Retreat Day for all Church's Readers Saturday 25th Jan 9:30am to 1pm: The Coventry & Nuneaton deanery has arranged special retreat at Osburg's. All readers of our parish are encouraged to participate. Speakers: Fr Allen Morris. Fr Stephen Fawcett.

Saturday 18th January Renewal Mass at 11:00am and Party: All the Altar servers will renew their commitment and be vested. To be followed by Christmas and New Year Party - their parents siblings are welcome to join too in a school hall.

Hand Shake during Eucharistic Celebrations: Since Corona Virus has been controlled, we need to get back to our normal system of doing things at St Elizabeth's as before. From now on - we are allowed to greet and shake hands during Sign of Peace.

Deanery Events.

Retreat Day for Eucharistic Ministers: Sat March 22nd at 9:30am 1Pm St Thomas More.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

Sunday 19th January: NO SECOND Collection.

Sunday 26th January: NO SECOND Collection.

Sunday 2nd February: For Pro-Life work

Sunday 9th February: Mission Appeal by Missionary Society of St Paul.

Sunday 16th February: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 23rd February: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

The Sacraments School/Parish 2025 Diary.

Sacrament of Confirmation. will be on Sunday 16th March 2025 both Masses.

First Communion: Good Shepherd School Saturday 10th May 2025 @9:30am

First Holy Communion: St Elizabeth's Sunday 22nd June 2025 @11:15am

Pray for the Sick: Mary Kean, Rohith De Silva, Joe Peters, Tony Ashby, Susan Nahar, Richard Fernandes & Rosy Prudent. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: George Conroy, Dorothy Pratt, Alice Crossan, James Swords, Patrick Hayden, Gerry Gallagher, Patrick Hayden, Teafile Maria Matuzeviene, Joseph Hynes and Anthony Markey. **Rest in Eternal Peace.**

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: **Registered Charity No: 234216**

My Donation to the Parish Online follow link here: <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/giving/> Livestreaming :<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry>



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St. Osburg's

St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

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<https://donatemydona.com/st-elizabeth-church-coventry>.

Parish Schools (Heads)

St. Elizabeth's

Mr Michael Doyle

Good Shepherd

Mr Andy McConville

Parish Church Co-ordinators:

Parish Office

Sr Joan Wafula.

Parish Maintenance

Gerald Ani

First Communion.

Mrs S Moran

**Health & Safety, RCIA &
Sacristan**

Miss Ann Harkin

Church Flowers

Mr Richard Swift

**Safeguarding Officer &
Church Music/Liturgy**

Miss Laura Srodon

(Solicitor)

**Women of Faith Chair
& Secretary.**

Annette Ndikoum and

Bancy Waithera

**Chair of Parish Finance
and Gift Aid Scheme**

Mr Stan Mileswski

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

DONA QR Code.



Parish Pastoral Council.


We have formed our first ever Parish Pastoral Council comprises of twelve members from all ages and ethnicity of the parish. We had our introductory meeting last Friday which went very well with Ms. Ann Harkin been elected by members as an interim Chairperson to be assisted by Mrs. Theresa Osinjolu. Our full board meeting is scheduled for the 5th April 2025 at 2pm when the office bearers will be elected and various committees formed. Please continue to pray for our PPC that it will be effective in the pastoral life of our parish.

Parking and Safety at School Park: Please be considerate and careful when driving on school playground. Please be aware of other pedestrians as well as the properties of school on the playground including the poles and sports' facilities. And please remember that you are parking there at your own risk – St Elizabeth's School is not responsible of any damage. Please **remember NO PARKING** at the back of the Church on Sundays - is reserved only for the elderly and disabled. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you for supporting the 200 Club: We have raised **£685** in 2024 Since we are back to church and no more restriction after the pandemic, we are hoping to double that amount in 2025 if more people join the scheme and the members pay their monthly contribution. Monthly membership is only £2. (Or £24 a year). Remember all are welcome and you can have more than one number. For more information please Contact Sister Joan or Tony Ashby. The draw is every last Sunday of each Month after Mass. Thank you very much.



Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 1 in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday 12th Jan	9:15am	Jayden and Camaron Thanksgiving Edwin and Christine Boden R.I.P.	Jesus Baptism 
	11:15am	Nevin Family Marie Whelan R.I.P. Bridie McDermot R.I.P.	
Mon 13th	9:15am	Joseph Donoghue R.I.P.	
Wed 15th	9:15am	Joseph Carey R.I.P.	
Thu. 16th	9:15am		
Fri. 17th	6:30pm		St. Anthony
Sat 18th	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	
	9:15am	Holy Souls	
Sunday 19th Jan.	9:15am	Special Intention Mandeep Sandhu and Naseeb Sandhu-10th Anniv. Of Marriage	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Fr Moses - Thanksgiving Priesthood	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£317** Non Gift Aid: **£129**. **QR code**

December Standing Order Total **£342**.

Dona Offerings: **£20**. Thank You.



Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Saturday from **8:00am**. Followed by Mass. Priest available for confessions.

Prayer of Adoration and Blessing: Every First Thursday of each Month in Church from **7-8pm**. Every one is welcome.

Youth Mass: Every Last Sunday of each Month. On **26th January** at 11:15am Mass

Pope's prayer Intention December: For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year may strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Church Cleaning Groups: Church cleaning Teams of 4 cleaners. Group A Sr Joan & Alter Servers/Parents. Group B Women of Faith, Teresia & Philippa. Group C Violeta. Group D Punjabi Rosary Group. Church's Cleaners this Week: **Group C Violeta**.

Parish Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Laura Srodon. She can be contacted at: sg.stelizabeth.covtv@rcaob.org.uk or Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

The Baptism of the Lord Year C

Readings: Is.40:1-5; Ps.104(103); Titus.2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk. 3:16

Baptism of the Lord

One of the things I like best about baptism is that it is our most ecumenical sacrament. It unites all Christians from all various denominations together. Lutheran, Catholic, Greek Orthodox community, Church of England, Baptist, Methodist etc. Most of the baptism from these Churches are accepted. Unfortunately, some Christian denominations, who take selected parts of the scriptures literally, rebaptise other Christians because they worry about the volume of water that was used on the first occasion.

Generally, the sacrament of baptism unites almost all the world's Christians in Christ Jesus. And this is just as it should be because the baptism of the Lord tells us that all Christ's followers should be united in celebrating baptism that no one can take away the Christian dignity bestowed upon them by these saving waters. The thing I like best about our Catholic rite of baptism is how it underlines the dignity of the adult or child being initiated into the life of Christ.

Let's think about infant baptism for a moment. Using actions and words that extend back to the birth of our faith, and in some instances beyond it, we begin by asking the parents what name they have chosen for their child. What does the name of the child mean? or signify? It is often a revelation as to the child's personality. Then the parents and sponsors or godparents, declare they understand what they are doing and are prepared to be Christian role models for this child. In the early church there was not much preparation for the sacrament of baptism. In those days anyone who professed the faith and was prepared to risk his or her life because of it was thought to be ready. A lengthy period of instruction in "the way" of the Christian life came immediately after baptism. Then, as a way to confirm the declarations just made, the child is claimed for Christ by the sign of his cross.

In most places, this ritual is done at the back door of the church, since this is the first formal time, the church has received the child into the place where the assembly gathers. It also allows the people to process to the front, especially if it is at the front of the church, which in turn prefigures all the processions the child may make in his or her life, for confirmation, eucharist, penance, marriage, holy orders, and anointing of the sick. It also reminds us of that day when this new Christian will recess out of the church for the final time at his or her funeral.

After the liturgy of the Word, we remember that this child has patron saints who are praying with all of us right now in heaven, and we call on them by name. We ask that all that is evil be kept far from this child and, as we anoint the breast, we ask that the child's heart be united in love for God, self, and neighbour. We bless the font, profess our common faith, and then immerse the child into the life-giving and saving bath of baptism.

These days we ask the parents not to bring the child already dressed in their baptism robe so that after baptism, in line with the more ancient custom, they can be vested in it, as a physical reminder that they have just put on the life of Christ.

Then we anoint them with the church's holiest oil (Chrism) and welcome them into the royal family of Christ, his school of prophets, and the priesthood of all believers. We then present their parents and godparents with the light of Christ.

And the reason we have such an elaborate ritual around this child is because we know that because of the baptism of the Lord all people who want to be Christians have to come to see their true identity is in God, that they are beloved by him, and are very pleasing in God's sight.

Let us pray that we keep claiming our Christian dignity by how we choose to spend our lives.